

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 89

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to the California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 25, Negrete McLeod. California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 10 in the County of San Bernardino as the CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Thomas Philip Coleman was born October 6, 1976, in West Covina, California, to Robert and Janice Coleman. He was one of five children that included two boys, Thomas and Joseph, and three girls, Jennifer, Kathleen, and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Coleman graduated from Damien High School in 1994 and joined the United States Marine Corps in September of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Thomas P. Coleman served as a Marine Security Guard for the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman, badge number 17338, graduated from the CHP Academy and was assigned to the Altadena Area Office; and

WHEREAS, After 60 months of service in the Altadena area, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was transferred to the San Bernardino area and was assigned to motorcycle duty on June 12, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was married to his best friend, Jamie Jean, on June 28, 2006, and had two wonderful children: Ryan Joseph, born October 6, 2007, and Shaylen Marie, born October 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, On June 11, 2010, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was in pursuit of a traffic violator when his motorcycle collided with a semitrailer truck; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the accident, Officer Thomas P. Coleman succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was a hard-working, dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was

known for being a loyal family man and a wonderful father and husband. His greatest joys were playing with his children, riding his motorcycle, hiking, and watching football and movies. Officer Thomas P. Coleman was admired for his passion for his career, his “smirk,” his sense of humor, and his hugs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 10 in the vicinity of Texas Street, milepost marker 30.377, to South Wabash Avenue, milepost marker 34.288, in the County of San Bernardino, as the CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation, and to the author for appropriate distribution.